(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian companies are facing difficulties to manufacture the pesticides products in the country;

(d) whether under this new policy, multinationals and other companies are importing ready made formulations at a very high cost and exploiting the Indian farmers;

(e) whether it will create a danger for environment, public health and Indian soil due to bad residual effect on the soil due to import of ready to use formulation without registering technical pesticides in India; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Registration Committee under the Insecticides Act, 1968 has approved the guidelines for import of formulated products without registration of the "Technical" in the year 2000. As per these guidelines, the total data on the technical product as well as on the formulations is required for registration. Therefore, these guidelines do not create any danger for environment, public health and Indian soil due to any residual effect. It is true that for such registrations, if the domestic company wants to produce "Technical" locally, they cannot seek registration u/s. 9(4) of the Insecticide Act 1968, as they have to apply for registration u/s.9(3) of the same Act by submitting total data.

(f) Does not arise.

Production loss due to ULFA attacks

†1219. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Ltd. (BVFL) has almost come to a standstill due to killings by ULFA in Assam and fleeing of non-Assamese from the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the extent of loss suffered due to production being stopped; and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of steps taken for safety of non-Assamese people working in the said unit by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) No Sir, the production in Brahmaputra Vailey Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. (BVFCL) did not come to a standstill due to ULFA activities but the dispatches of the company suffered. However, the production of the company suffered due to the low and order problem in Assam. The company suffered production loss of 49000 MT in 2005-06 and 8177 MT during current year till now.

(d) Necessary steps for safety have been taken by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

Alag Committee on fertilizer prices

1220. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of State Governments not able to make available urea to farmers in the on-going Rabi season, his Ministry has decided to bear the transportation and distribution cost of urea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the consumption of urea in the country, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether this move is a part of accepting the recommendations made by Alag Committee; and

(e) if so, the other major recommendations made by the Alag Committee and the recommendations that have been accepted by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a), (b), (d) and (e) On the basis of recommendations made by the Alagh Committee, the Government has approved the New Pricing Scheme (NPS) Stage-III on 1.2.2007 to be implemented w.e.f. 1.10.2006. Under NPS-III, the movement of urea will be monitored through out the country by an online web based monitoring